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# Hollywood Historical Society

*Preserving the past for the future...*

A Message from Karen Albertson, HHS President:

As President of the Hollywood Historical Society, I am writing to our members and the citizens of our "City Beautiful" Hollywood, Florida requesting that you all stand behind us in our efforts to stop the demolition of historic properties in the Downtown Historic District.

Our City, at this time, is being bombarded by developers in the downtown district, destroying the quaint, historic Hollywood where many of us happily grew up, for Hollywood to become some kind of mega rental community. Obviously, they are not aware of or taking into consideration the number of empty rental units at the Radius and the Circ and the future rental communities they are planning to place on each side of the Home Tower on Young Circle.

One-by-one the wrecking ball is destroying the dreams of our Founder, Joseph W. Young Jr., not saved, restored or renovated - but becoming nothing but rubble and a memory; replaced by empty rental communities.

Recently, the members of the Hollywood Historic Preservation Board voted unanimously not to allow the demolition of the Sun Trust Bank of Hollywood, formerly First National Bank of Hollywood, built in the 1920's. This bank building, located at 2001 Hollywood Boulevard, is where my parents, who moved here in the early 1940's, saved their meager fortunes, as did I for many years; and we praise them for their pride in our City.

The First National Bank/Sun Trust site has been neglected for many years, and we certainly agree that the historic appeal is no longer there. Our wish would be to **restore, renovate, and spare the building from the wrecking ball**; and allow something with historic appeal to remain in our City, not another "rental community and parking garage". It brings to mind to the song by Joni Mitchell, **"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot... You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone!"**

If you agree, we would sincerely appreciate your contacting our Commissioners before the City Commission meeting on August 26, 2020. Since the ball is in their hands to save or destroy one of the last standing historic properties in the Downtown Historic District, please write to each of our City Commissioners. Their emails are shown below, and they could be known as the **Commissioners who saved** one of Joseph Young's commercial iconic buildings built in 1927, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our City.

Thanks for your support!

*Karen (Newman) Albertson*

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